



Spring Newsletter 2015

Message from the President ...

As you know, we've got a super group of dedicated volunteers that make up your Board of Directors and Executive Committee that meets regularly, focusing on things like water levels & quality, development pressures and political action. Many of which you'll get updates on in this newsletter.

Just like you, we are all stakeholders in Crystal Lake. Our membership stands at a little less than a 1/3 of the lakes property owners and we'd ask your help in spreading the word to grow this number.

We also encourage you to volunteer to help on one of the committee's. Many hands making light work and all that good stuff.

CLCA has always been a big supporter of local businesses in Kinmount and the area. It's our view that as a group, we should be sourcing as much as possible from our local business community. They are there for us, provide revenue from advertising on the website that we use for projects and events around our lake. Let's be there for them too.

Our website continues to see remarkable traffic (7500 unique visitors/month; 17,800 visits and 79,000 pages per month). We've got an active Facebook community and web forum online, so there are many ways to keep in touch with what's going on. Check it out and participate.

www.crystallakecottagers.ca

Thanks for your support, hope the summer 2015 is awesome....watch your props!

John Hubbard

Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association (CLCA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) Sunday June 7th, 2015 at 10:00am @ Galway Hall

At the upcoming AGM there will be:

- Discussion of CLCA Business
- Water Levels – Ted Spence, Coalition of Equitable Water Flow
- Message from the Municipality of Trent Lakes Council – Bridges, Roads and Police.
- CLCA Elections
 - This year is an election year and all positions are open for nomination. If you are interested in putting your name forward please contact President John Hubbard. Names will also be accepted from the floor at the AGM.

Executive Committee

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Secretary

Board of Directors

6 Board of Directors
Positions

We hope to see you all there.



Back by Popular Demand

Crystal Lake Triathlon

Sunday August 23, 2015

White's Beach – Crystal Lake

Sprint & Relay Triathlon

750 m swim, 20 km bike, 5 km run

Tri a Tri & Relay Tri a Tri (12 & under)

375 m swim, 10 km bike, 2.5 km run

Registration Fee: Individual \$25, Relay \$63 for team
There is limited space, so register early!

If you register on-line please pay using PayPal

Register online at : <http://www.crystallakecottagers.ca/>
Or email to: crystallaketri@gmail.com

Volunteers needed!

Crystal Lake Logo items will be available for sale



Dance at the Galway Hall

Saturday June 27, 2015 at 8 pm

Live Music provided by
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What does the CLCA do?

CLCA focuses on and represents the interests of Crystal Lake cottagers.

- We erected welcome signs and keep them looking beautiful.
- We offer discount cards for use at local businesses for CLCA members.
- We support Crystal Lake events such as the Crystal Lake Triathlon and the Skating Party on Family Day Weekend.
- We maintain a website and Facebook page to keep cottagers informed.
- We make donations to and support our local volunteer organizations.

CLCA acts as a liaison and represents cottagers on various important matters that arise in the community that may impact cottagers and the Crystal Lake area.

- We liaise with the Trent Lakes Council and staff regarding municipal elections, Landfill sites and waste management, roadway maintenance and environmental and development concerns.
- We support the Crystal Lake Steward who takes water samples to be tested by the Ministry of the Environment to monitor the water quality of the lake for clarity, phosphorus levels and invader species (i.e. zebra mussels).

We also maintain membership with various associations to provide a united voice for Crystal Lake on these important matters including:

✓ **Galway and Area Ratepayers Association Incorporated (GARAI):**

- a community based organization, dedicated to working with all associations, residents, businesses, local township, and all levels of government both federally and provincially to find solutions to issues that are common among property owners in our area.
- A strong and active Environment Committee who coordinate the Turtle Crossing & Adopt-A-Road Programs.

✓ **Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA):**

- a non-profit, voluntary organization that represents over 500 Ontario cottage associations at the provincial level, dedicated to supporting the interests of Ontario's waterfront property owners.
- FOCA is an active supporter of:
 - Waterfront Ratepayers After Fair Taxation (WRAFT) which is a coalition of waterfront associations across Ontario working to achieve equity in waterfront property taxation; and
 - Coalition After Property Tax Reform (CAPTR) which is an alliance of over 700 ratepayer organizations striving to bring equity and stability to residential property tax system.

✓ **Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF):**

- Work to implement equitable water management policy for the Trent-Severn Waterway taking all those affected into account.
- Water levels are important to us on Crystal Lake and we encourage you to visit the CEWF's website for more information
http://cewf.typepad.com/coalition_for_equitable_w/

Meet the CLCA

Executive Committee

- **President**
John Hubbard
- **Vice President**
Christine Brickman
- **Secretary**
Sharon Brickman
- **Treasurer**
Don Langlois
- **Membership**
Sarah Petrik

Board Members

John Hubbard (Chair)
Barry Abelson (Past-President)
Michael Leblanc
Carl Brickman
John Beattie

We would love to hear from you. If you have any questions or comments you would like to share with us, please visit the "Contact" section of the CLCA website at:

www.crystallakecottagers.ca/contact.html

Membership Discount Cards

Once again when you join or renew your membership for 2015 you will receive a membership card. Those that have pre-paid their memberships for multiple years will also receive a card. You will either receive your card by e-mail or through the regular mail or you can pick it up at the AGM in June.

A big **Thank You** to the participating businesses!

*A list of the current businesses that offer the discount will be kept up to date on our website, the forum and our Facebook page. See the vendor or 'in-store' for details.

Land Transfer Station and Waste Management

The Land Transfer Station and the issue of waste management is an important matter for many if not all cottagers on Crystal Lake. As you may have noticed, there have been a number of changes made regarding waste management in the last few years that have not always been favourable.

The CLCA has been actively engaging with Trent Lakes Council and staff as well as with the Ministry of the Environment and the CLCA has attended a number of public meetings.

We encourage you to visit the CLCA website <http://crystallakecottagers.ca/download/minutes/CLCA%20minutes%20February%2019%202015.pdf> for more information on discussions involving this matter.

Water Levels

As you may have noticed, lake levels, including Crystal Lake are low this Spring. The very cold and relatively dry winter has resulted in very little winter runoff. Water levels are rising but are still at record lows. The logs are in at the dam on Crystal Lake in an effort to capture spring run-off and rain.

For more information and updates we encourage you to visit the CEWF website.

http://cewf.typepad.com/coalition_for_equitable_w/

Visit the CLCA Website and Facebook Page!!

Visit our website as well as our Facebook page to stay up to date with what is going on up at Crystal Lake! [Click here](#) to check out our Facebook Page or [click here](#) for our website.

facebook



Friendly Reminders

1. We share the lake and roads with many of nature's creatures both big and small (see our wildlife inventory posted on our website). Please respect all forms of wildlife.
2. Always use caution when having any type of fire. See the rules and regulations at <http://www.trentlakes.ca/services/fire-rescue/>
3. Be Bear Wise! See what you can do at www.bears.mnr.gov.on.ca
4. Know your 911 information in case of emergency. Please ensure that your 911 number is visible and in good shape. Please remove all old Crystal Lake numbers to avoid confusion.
5. Watch your boat wake! Be considerate of cottagers' docks, water craft, and shorelines. Know the rules. Go 'dead slow' in potential loon nesting areas or avoid these areas completely.
6. Get involved! Join the Ontario Turtle Tally or Adopt-A-Pond. For more info, go to <http://www.torontozoo.com/adoptapond/turtles.asp>
7. If you are a dog owner, you may want to familiarize yourself with the contents of the GCH by-law website at <http://www.galwaycavendishharvey.ca/DepartmentsCommittees/AnimalControl/tabid/86/Default.aspx>

Helpful Phone Numbers

Emergency Numbers

Fire, Police, Ambulance Emergency – 911
Marine & Air Search and Rescue – 1-800-267-7270
Poison Information Centre – 1-800-268-9017
Kids Help Phone – 1-800-668-6868



Non-Emergency Numbers

Police – 1-888-310-1122
Tele-Health Ontario – 1-866-797-0000
Ministry of Natural Resources (Minden) - (705) 286-1521 or 1-800-667-1940
Hydro One – 1-888-664-9376 For Outages Call 1-800-434-1235
Bell Canada – 416-310-2355 or 1-800-668-6878

Check out the CLCA website for more helpful numbers.

Adopt-A-Road

URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The Adopt-A-Road initiative is sponsored by the County of Peterborough and supported by your Township. In past years there has been a group of almost 50 volunteers coordinated by the Galway & Area Ratepayers Association that take part in the program which covers the roads around Crystal, White, Salmon & Fortescue Lakes.

At this time there is currently an urgent need for more volunteers. For more information or to become a volunteer please contact Carl Brickman @ 705 488 2284.

OPP Patrol

The OPP patrol our lake and roads during the day and night. Know the rules of the lake and road!

For more information on safe boating visit Transport Canada's website at <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/tp-tp511-menu-487.htm>



Kinmount Family Fun Day

The Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association is a sponsor of the Kinmount Family Fun Day. Last summer a great time was had by all at the Balloon Twisting Event!



Crystal Lake Big Rink Skating Party

Thank you once again to the Knupp family and friends for hosting the annual Crystal Lake Big Rink Skating Party over the Family Day Weekend. It was a cold day but a great time was had by all. Visit http://crystallakecottagers.ca/clca_gallery.htm as well as our Facebook page to check out some pictures from the day!



Important Dates - 2015

May

- Saturdays from Victoria Day until Thanksgiving - Kinmount Farmers Market (9am-2pm at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park)
- Monday May 18th Victoria Day
- May 31st - Environment Day @ Buckhorn Transfer Station 12:00-4:30pm. Visit our website or Facebook page for more information.

June

- June 7th - CLCA AGM at Galway Hall @ 10:00am

July

- Thursday nights in July & August - Music in the Park (free summer concert series). Starts @ 6:30pm at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Bring your own lawn chairs.
- Wednesday July 1st Canada Day
- July 1st - Canada Day Celebrations at the Kinmount Fairgrounds. Free admission. Gates open at 5pm, fireworks at dusk. Live entertainment, BBQ and activities for the kids.
- July 11th - Kinmount Family Fun Day!

August

- Monday August 3rd Civic Holiday
- Saturday August 1st - Movie Night @ the Knupp's Cottage
- Sunday August 23rd - Crystal Lake Triathlon

September

- Monday September 7th Labour Day
- Kinmount Fair Labour Day Weekend

October

- Monday October 12th Thanksgiving

Check out <http://www.kinmount.ca/Events.php> as well as our website for more events and information.



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Become a Member of the Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association

The Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association represents you and your interests as a cottager on Crystal Lake. We represent you with our local council, other associations and other government agencies. It is important that we have a strong association represented by all cottagers so when we speak on your behalf we are able to say that we represent the majority of all Crystal Lake cottagers'.

We know that your cottage property is a major investment, so why not join the CLCA so we can help protect that investment and your interests.

Membership is only \$20 annually per cottage. For those who are interested we are now offering the option for you to pay your membership fee for up to 5 years at a time.

We encourage all cottagers to join for a strong association. There are 3 ways that you can join the CLCA.

1. Online by credit card or PayPal at www.crystallakecottagers.ca
2. By mail – Complete the Membership Form below and send it along with a \$20 cheque payable to the CLCA to:

Don Langlois c/o CLCA
31 Mapledawn Road
Etobicoke, ON
M9C 2V7

3. In Person – At the Annual General Meeting held on June 7, 2015. Bring along the completed form below.

If you have any questions at all, we would be pleased to answer them. You can contact us by visiting our website at: www.crystallakecottagers.ca/contact.html



Crystal Lake Cottagers' Association 2015 Membership

Cottager Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Home Phone: _____

Cottage Address: _____

Cottage Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ I would prefer to receive mailings by e-mail

Option # 1

I wish to pay my CLCA 2015 Membership (\$20)

Option # 2

**I wish to pay my CLCA Membership fee for the next _____ years (up to 5 years).
Enclosed is my payment of \$_____ (\$20 x up to 5 years).**

Payment Type: Cheque Cash